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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please change the title of the application on the title page from "A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSFORMING DATA" with this amended paragraph thereby deleting the word "A" from the previous title on the title page, (page 1):

~~[[A]]~~METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSFORMING DATA

Please add a section heading above the underlined section heading paragraph entitled "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" in the specification on Page 2 of 82 with this section heading paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the underlined section heading paragraph entitled "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" in the specification on Page 2 of 82 with this amended paragraph:

~~1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION~~FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the underlined section heading paragraph entitled "BACKGROUND ART" in the specification on Page 2 of 82 with this amended paragraph:

~~2. BACKGROUND ART~~DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

Please replace the underlined section heading paragraph entitled "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" in the specification on Page 9 of 82 with this amended paragraph:

~~SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION~~BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the underlined section heading paragraph entitled "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" in the specification on Page 13 of 82 with this amended paragraph:

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Please replace the underlined section heading paragraph entitled "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION" in the specification on Page 14 of 82 with this amended paragraph:

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Please replace the underlined section heading paragraph entitled "CLAIMS" in the specification on Page 66 of 82 with this amended paragraph:

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Please replace the underlined section heading paragraph entitled "ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE" in the specification on Page 66 of 82 with this amended paragraph:

~~ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE~~ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the top paragraph on page 29 of 82 with the following amended paragraph:

Combining partitions is described in a related patent application (serial number: [[#####]] 09/960,902) that is included in its entirety, herewith, by reference. In embodiments of the present invention, combined partitions have been extended to include the ability to combine the first partition of a particular node with the field or value represented by the node itself, which was not previously possible. The result of a partition is a set of value combinations among values in each of the fields participating in the partition and each value combination corresponds to actual records containing that particular combination of values for the fields.